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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SAFETY SHUTOFF APPARATUS AND METHOD

the specification of which is attached hereto; I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56[a].

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

no prior foreign applications.

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no provisional applications.

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international filing date of this application:

no United States or PCT International Applications claimed.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connect therewith: Thomas L. Adams, Esq., Reg. #27,300. Address all telephone calls to: Thomas L. Adams, Esq. at telephone no.: (973) 463-0100. Address all correspondence to: Thomas L. Adams, 120 Eagle Rock Avenue, P.O. Box 340, East Hanover, NJ 07936.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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